



153 West Main Street, Babylon Village, New York 11702

Winter 2015-2016

A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR RALPH A. SCORDINO

Three year's ago this past October, Superstorm Sandy devastated many of Long Island's Southshore communities, including Babylon Village. Life has returned to normal for most but there still remain those South of Montauk Highway who have yet to be able to return to their homes. In fact, many are just now receiving funds from New York Rising and beginning the process of elevating/repairing their homes. A second round of auctions will take place on November 17th for properties substantially damaged from the storm. All properties in the first auction round were sold and are in the process of being elevated and/or brought up to FEMA and NYS Building Codes. On behalf of myself and all Babylon Village Trustees, I want to say a heartfelt "thank you" to the many volunteer organizations who have so selflessly aided those in need due to Sandy. You are a treasured part of our community.

Babylon Village continues to move forward with many activities and events that improve the quality of life for all our residents. As a result of various Girl Scout projects and Boy Scout Eagle Projects, the planting of over 5,000 grass plugs at our village pool as an erosion safeguard is almost complete while Southard's Pond and the Gil Hanse Village Pool now enjoy new benches. We continue to resurface our roadways and install new drainage throughout the Village. Our fall *S.T.O.P* program was again very successful and the repeat paper shredding component proved even more popular than when it was first introduced last year. The Chamber of Commerce presented their *Safe Trick or Treat* program throughout the business district on October 31st with a well-attended Halloween Parade and lots of goodies for kids and shoppers alike. Thanks to the Chamber of Commerce, Suffolk County Police Department, our Code Enforcement and Highway Personnel and the Babylon School District for making this a safe, fun-filled day in our Village.

As the holidays quickly approach, I encourage all Babylon residents to take part in the many fun traditions our community has created over the years. The November 29th *Decorate a Light Pole* kicked off the holiday season to be followed by the annual Chamber of Commerce's **Old Fashioned Village Christmas** on **Friday, December 4th**. This year, the Chamber is closing Deer Park Avenue to all vehicular traffic from Railroad Avenue south to Montauk Highway. Activities for children and adults are planned along Deer Park Avenue. Come out, have fun and shop locally to support our many terrific merchants. That same night, **Christmas at the Conklin House** will delight the eyes as the doors open for all to view the magnificent decorations that adorn each room. On **Sunday, December 6th**, there will be the traditional tree lighting at Argyle Park with caroling and a visit from Santa. Following the tree lighting, plan to walk down to the Babylon Historical Society Museum for their **Wassail Bowl**, and join your friends and neighbors for this traditional event that is a proven winner year after year.

And don't forget the **Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner** held at Babylon High School the same day, December 6th. It's a great

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chance to mingle with friends old and new.

As the cold weather is upon us, please be careful when driving around our community and remember to be aware of snow removal procedures, which are listed in this newsletter. The Village website at www.villageofbabylonny.gov will post critical weather and snow-related information. We did a terrific job of keeping our streets and walkways safe last year as we dealt with record snowfalls. Let's continue to work together to keep our roads and sidewalks safe for everyone.

As always, please keep our service men and women in your prayers and remember their families as it is so difficult for them to be without their loved ones, especially at this time of the year.

On behalf of the **Village Board - Kevin Muldowney, Anthony Davida, Debbie Basile and Carol Amelia** - I wish you peace this holiday season and send best wishes for a happy, healthy and safe 2016.

IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE...



Trustee Carol Amelia reports that the **Babylon Historical Society**, in cooperation with the Village of Babylon, will host the **annual Tree Lighting Ceremony** at **4pm** on **Sunday, December 6th** in Argyle Park. This family-oriented community event is a highlight for many, especially the children as they await the arrival of Santa Claus.

Also on **December 6th**, the Historical Society invites the public to the annual **Wassail Bowl** at **4pm** at it's museum on Main Street to relive the Victorian tradition of visiting friends and neighbors during the holiday season to exchange good wishes and to share a cup of warm mulled cider, or Wassail.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING NIGHT



The **Babylon Village Chamber of Commerce** hosts the annual **Old-Fashioned Village Christmas** from **5 - 9pm** on **Friday, December 4th**. Bring your family out to enjoy this special night mingling with friends, shopping, listening to holiday music playing throughout the business area and catching a glimpse of Santa on his horse-drawn wagon. It's a great way to get in the holiday spirit while supporting our local merchants. *Raindate: December 11*

CHRISTMAS AT THE CONKLIN HOUSE

Trustee Debbie Basile reports that Christmas activities at the Conklin House will begin with the **Holiday Cookie Contest** on **Thursday, December 3rd**. Residents of all ages can submit their cookies in several categories, and distinguished community members serve as judges. To participate, please call Cindy Theiss at [587-6352](tel:587-6352) or Kathy Ruggieri at [669-2970](tel:669-2970), or register at the Babylon Public Library.

On **Friday, December 4th** from **6-9pm** come celebrate **Christmas at the Conklin House**. Visitors can tour the lovely rooms which will be beautifully decorated for the holidays by community members. Light refreshments will be served including the delicious cookies from the cookie contest.

On **Sunday, December 6th** from **12-4pm**, the Conklin House will hold its annual *Picture Perfect Christmas* photo shoot. Choose either a family portrait or have a picture taken with Santa in one of our beautifully decorated rooms. Photo cost is \$25 for one sitting and \$40 for two sittings. Photos will be taken by professional photographer Vicky Jauron of Babylon and Beyond Photography, but appointment times go fast, so book early by calling the Conklin House at [669-8164](tel:669-8164).

As always, we thank our wonderful committee of volunteers who donate their talents and time to make the Conklin House such a delightful holiday showcase.



2015 CONKLIN HOUSE RECAP

Once again the Nathaniel Conklin House hosted a wide variety of well-attended events that were enjoyed by many Babylon residents. An Afternoon Tea, plant sale, food demonstration and tasting, art shows and a ceremony for Norm Aripotch, the recipient of this year's Nathaniel Conklin Award for Volunteerism, were just some of the 2015 events held at this wonderful historic venue. A record number of people enjoyed this year's recent Apples and Art Festival held the weekend of October 16th. Special thanks to Karen Petz and Larry Nye who planed the successful artist reception on that Friday night and the exhibit throughout the weekend. Thanks also to Margaret Rohl, along with her many capable volunteers who ran the Apple Festival on Saturday.

Donations of old jeans and shirts for making scarecrows at the annual Apple Festival are most appreciated and accepted throughout the year. Please call [631-669-8164](tel:631-669-8164) to donate.



Norm Aripotch (4th from left) poses with his family after receiving the Nathaniel Conklin Award.

And coming to the Conklin House in 2016...

A variety of cultural events are being planned at the Conklin House in the new year, including a March one-man art show, the always popular Afternoon Tea in spring and a Five Course Dinner for Eight, which will be offered through a raffle, just to name a few. Please watch The Babylon Beacon for full details on these and more activities/events planned for 2016.

If you would like to be added to our "Events Alert" notifications of upcoming Conklin House offerings, please call [631-669-8164](tel:631-669-8164) and leave your name and email address or email us at conklinhouse@yahoo.com



Conklin House Volunteers (l to r): Suzanne Smith, Margaret Rohl, Debbie Bonneventre, Marylee Hoge, Chris Jansson, Bridgette Wolny



VILLAGE GOLF COURSE NEWS

Trustee Kevin Muldowny reports another busy October at the E. Donald Conroy Golf Course. On October 17th, the course held its 12th annual *Village Cup Tournament*. Forty golfers, representing twenty village organizations, competed for the trophy. The finish could not have been more exciting, as the Village Chamber of Commerce, represented by Ricardo and Monica Benevides tied the Babylon Lion's Club, represented by Mark Agovino and Sam Zamet with a score of 59.

The men's and women's leagues held their respective tournaments in the fall, with Dan Drance winning the men's championship and Greg Walsh finishing second. Mary Alice Markham took the women's trophy with a score of 59 with Donna Falconer finishing second with a score of 69. Anyone interested in any of the clubs tournaments or leagues can call the course at [669-2340](tel:669-2340) to get more information.

The Village course will remain open, weather permitting, through December. Gift certificates are available now for the holidays. Stop by and take advantage of the "winter special" going on now: **Play 18 holes for the price of 9!** (Monday thru Thursday only).

For all golfing information, call the course office at [669-2340](tel:669-2340).



Pictured left to right: Mayor Ralph Scordino, Ricardo and Monica Benevides, Mark Agovino, Sam Zamet, Deputy Mayor Kevin Muldowny.

GOLF GIFT CERTIFICATES: The Perfect Stocking Stuffer!

Available for purchase at the golf course or Village Clerk's Office.



ATTENTION SENIORS Tax Exemption News

The maximum income to qualify for a Senior Citizen Exemption is \$30,000. If you had a 2015 exemption you should have received your renewal application. If you did not have a 2015 exemption, you can download the application at the bottom of our website page, come into the Village Clerks office and pick one up or we will mail one to you. All applications must be received in the Office of the Village Clerk no later than December 30, 2015, however, earlier in December is recommended.

HAVE A SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON



The Babylon Fire Department reminds us to follow these holiday safety tips:

1. Always use candles with care. Never leave them unattended.
2. Select toys with safety in mind.
3. If displaying a fresh tree, remember to keep it watered daily.
4. Never leave a lighted tree unattended.
5. Inspect decorative lights for frayed wires or damage.
6. Follow the instruction manual when installing smoke or carbon monoxide detectors. Replace batteries in devices already in use.

Other winter safety tips to keep in mind are:

- **Make sure your house number is visible in the dark.** This is imperative for your safety in the event rescue or fire personnel need to find your location at night.
- Keep hydrants close to your home clear of debris and snow.
- Keep emergency phone numbers near your phone. Stickers can be obtained from the Chief's office after 7 PM.

The Officers and members of the Babylon Fire Department wish everyone a safe and Happy Holiday!



AS WINTER APPROACHES, PLEASE REMEMBER...



- Residents are responsible for removing snow from the sidewalks at their homes.
- All parked vehicles must be moved from the streets in residential and business areas to enable snow plows to safely do their job. **Vehicle removal is the responsibility of residents.**
- **Businesses** are responsible for removing snow from the sidewalks in front of their stores within 24 hours of a snow-fall. This is important for the safety of your customers and employees.



DOCKING NEWS

Boaters are reminded that **all boats in Village berths are to be out of the water by December 1** and all lines removed from the poles, so as not to hinder the Village's ice breaking program during the winter months. Winter boat berths, are still available in Argyle Basin and on Shore Road. Boats can be moored for a fee of \$250. It is an economical alternative to pulling your boat out of the water for the winter months. This program is also open to non-village residents, as well. If interested, please call the Village Clerk's office at **669-1500**.

HOW ABOUT THAT SNAPPER DERBY?

The Babylon Tuna Club held their Snapper Derby on Saturday, August 22nd this year and there wasn't an open spot on the dock. Over 120 snappers were caught and many bicycles and other prizes given out. It was a great day for all involved and everyone left the dock with a smile on their face!



SECOND SHREDDING A SENSATIONAL SUCCESS!

Last year the Village of Babylon added a paper shredding component to it's fall S.T.O.P. Program. It was repeated again this year on September 26th and was even more successful than the original, demonstrating how BV residents are concerned with protecting their identities and the environment. How does the Village paper shredding translate into real numbers? Take a look.

The **8,450 lbs.** of personal papers shredded saved:

71.85 trees

253.5 pounds of Particulate Air Pollution

8.45 Barrels of Oil

17322.5 Kilowatts of Electricity

13.52 Cubic Yards of Landfill

Way to go, Babylon!



COMING YOUR WAY ...
Watch your mail in late December for your
2016 SANITATION PICK-UP CALENDAR

SUMMER JOBS APPLICATIONS

Starting February 16th, the Village will be accepting applications for summer employment. Employment opportunities are available at the Village Pool, Parks and Recreation Department, the Highway Department and clerical positions in Village Hall. Applicants should be at least 16 years old. Applications will be accepted for residents 15 years old for use only if additional students are needed. For more information, call the Mayor's Office at **669-1212**.

Babylon Village CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 3	Cookie Contest at the Conklin House
December 4	Chamber of Commerce Old Fashioned Village Christmas
December 4	Christmas at the Conklin House
December 6	Conklin House Christmas Photos, 12-4PM
December 6	Christmas Tree Lighting 4:00 PM
December 6	Wassail Bowl at Historical Society, 3-5 PM
December 6	Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner
December 25*	Christmas Holiday Observed (<i>Village Hall closed</i>)
December 31	Last date to file Veterans and Senior Exemptions
January 1*	New Year's Holiday Observed (<i>Village Hall closed</i>)
January 18*	Martin Luther King's Birthday (<i>Village Hall closed</i>)
February 15*	Presidents' Day (<i>Village Hall closed</i>)
March 25	Good Friday (<i>Village Hall closes at 12:00 noon</i>)

* **NO garbage, rubbish or recycling pick-up on holidays.**

When rubbish or recycling collection falls on a holiday, please do not put items out for pick-up until your regular scheduled rubbish/recycling day the following week. If you have questions, please call **669-4878**, Monday to Friday, 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM.



Mayor Ralph A. Scordino



Trustee Kevin Muldowney



Trustee Carol Amelia



Trustee Anthony Davida



Trustee Debbie Basile



Justice John Rafter



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Village Hall Hours: Monday through Friday 9 AM - 5 PM

Highway & Sanitation Hours: Monday through Friday 7 AM - 4 PM

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669-1212	Mayor's Office	669-4878	Sanitation Dept.
669-1500	Village Clerk	587-6270	Treasurer
669-1500	Receiver of Taxes	669-1771	Village Justice
669-1523	Registrar	669-1756	Historical Society
669-1300	Building Inspector	587-7707	Village Pool (Summer)
669-1300	Assessor	669-2340	Golf Course
669-4878	Highway Dept.	669-8164	Conklin House
669-4878	Parks Dept.		

Police911

Fire & Rescue 911 or 226-1212

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